(b) if so, by when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Suggestion from Arunachal Pradesh Government regarding inclusion of mishing or miris in the list of S.T.

722. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for inclusion of Mishings or Miris in the list of Scheduled Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) to (c) Final decision is yet to be taken on the proposals received from the State Governments/ U.T. Admns. in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and as such the details of the proposals cannot be disclosed in the public interest. Further, any amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of the provisions made in Article 341(2) and 342(2) of the Constitution.

Scheme for child welfare

723. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per-capita expenditure on child-care in the country;

(b) what are the names of schemes undertaken by Government for child welfare; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to check child mortality in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) and (b) There are a number of programmes being run for the child-care in the country. These are run in Central Sector, State Sector and some of them are Centrally Sponsored. Some programmes are also being implemented by the Voluntary Organisations. Hence, it is not possible to work out per-capita expenditure on child-care in the country However, expenditure during the last three years on important schemes relating to child welfare and development during the last three years from 1987-88 to 1989-90 is given below:—

	Name of the Programme	Expenditure incurred during the last three years (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS)	47933
2.	Central Scheme of Creches for Children of Poor Working and Ailing Women	4033
3.	Early Child-hood Education	766
4.	Wheat-based Supplementary Nutrition Programme	9288
5.	Balwadi Nutrition Programme	1098
6.	Children in need of care and protection	718

(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has undertaken several schemes for control of the child-hood mortality including infant mortality. A package of schemes has been developed aiming at specific intervention measures such as immunization, oral rehyderation, etc. These programmes are being delivered through the existing network of 1,22,000 sub-centres. Supplementary nutrition is also provided through various programmes such as Wheat-Based Supplementary Nutrition, World Food Programme, Balwadi Nutrition Programme etc. The Infant mortality is steadily declining over the years i.e. 140 in 1975 to 94 in 1988.

Killings in Assam

724. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the killings by unidentified gunmen remain unabated even after imposition of President's rule in Assam as was the case before its imposition;

(b) what is the average number of killings before and after the President's rule in Assam; and

(c) whether life and property are safe after the imposition of President's Rule in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) During 1990 before the imposition of President's Rule on an average, 5 killings were reported per month. The average No. of killings for the 3 months' period of President's Rule is 20 per month. All measures to protect life and property of the people in Assam are being taken.

Withdrawal of Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and Disturbed Areas Act from Assam

725. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not holding talks with the ULFA in spite of their willingness;

(b) whether Government is contemplating to withdraw the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and the Disturbed Areas Act from Assam;

(c) if so, by when they would be withdrawn; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No communication has been received by the Government of India from the ULFA in this regard.

(b) to (d) In view of the present situation in Assam, the withdrawal of the Act is not under consideration at present.

AIR Station at Sibsagar, Assam

726. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the proposed AIR station at Sibsagar of Assam; and

(b) whether the work would be started in the next Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Sibsagar is fully covered by the 300 KW Medium Wave transmitter at Dibrugarh and there is, therefore, no proposal at present to establish a Radio Station in the town. Moreover, Radio Service is also expected to be available in the town on the commissioning of 2×5 KW Frequency Modulation transmitter under establishment at Jorhat.